

Recidivism

Re-cid-ivism [*n.*]

Definition - The habitual relapse into a previous undesirable type of criminal behavior.

How Does  Impact the Recidivism Rate?

40.5% of ex-offenders in the DPSCS system recidivate by committing another crime and returning to prison. For ex-offenders who participated in an MCE program, the recidivism rate shrinks to 22.1%. This means that almost 80% of our inmate workforce is able to become safe, productive citizens upon release.

How does MCE reduce Recidivism?

- We employ approximately 2,000 inmate workers at any given time throughout 31 business units (i.e. plants/service centers) disbursed in 11 State correctional facilities.
- Our program touches the lives of over 3,132 inmate workers and provides over 2.97 million life-changing hours of employment and training.
- MCE is one of the top prison industry programs in the United States and has maintained this position for the last 6 years.
- As a result, our recidivism rates are almost half that of the general DPSCS population.

